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"AMERICAN" DONATION PARTY.

Those confiding citizens who voted for the "American" party can now begin to count the cost of having "patriots" in charge of the city administration. At the council meeting of right before last, the city engineer and board of public works recommended changes in the Big Cottonwood conduit which will cost in the aggregate \$31,647.59, an increase of that amount in the contract price as originally let. To get the full significance of this addition, it is only necessary to recall that the original design of the conduit was made by an engineer of exceptional ability, one not only versed in his profession technically, but also familiar with construction work in every detail through actual experience. His plan was approved by the board of public works, of which Col. E. A. Wall was chairman, and was subjected to the closest scrutiny by every one interested, including P. J. Moran, who took the contract.

In view of the facts, there can hardly be any claim that the plan is defective, and the explanation of the changes recommended is not far to seek. For instance, if the conduit were properly constructed of concrete as originally planned, the work would have to be up to the contract requirements or the conduit would leak when water is turned into it. If the Keisley-Moran recommendations are adopted and the conduit lined with plaster at a cost of \$17,500, the conduit will hold water whether the concrete work is up to standard or not. So far, Mr. Moran will doubtless make no objection to adding that much to the price of his work.

Likewise, if the thickness of the side walls is increased, Mr. Moran will attain the object he had in mind when he asked the former administration to allow him extra for the excavation necessary to carry his concrete frames, a claim which was denied because the contract called for the whole excavation and the additional allowance would, in effect, be a donation.

Finally, the proposal to cover the conduit in all places with earth excavation at an additional cost of \$24,000 is another present of a large proportion of the sum. It is unnecessary work. If it is done Moran will be the only beneficiary, there is no chance of competition from other contractors and the tax payer will be mulcted for the amount.

It's a lovely programme, isn't it? Good thing for Moran, isn't it? But do the tax payers like it as a sample of "reform" handed out by a bunch of "patriots"?

At the same session of the council the city recorder was given still another deputy at \$900 a year for work which should not require more than two hours a day; the stenographer's salary in the same office was raised from \$900 to \$1,000 a year, and "two additional assistants" were granted the same office for docketing work. While the "graft" was working right, the ineffable Black introduced an ordinance giving the janitor on the city side an increase from \$70 to \$80 a month, and the resolution was adopted in spite of protests from two "American" councilmen who thought the game was being worked too hard.

Some of the other offices are yet to be heard from, but it may be taken for granted the donation party will be made a permanent feature of the council sessions until the treasury gives out or another city election comes along. Meanwhile, the streets are disgracefully dirty because there is no money available for anything but an increase in salaries or Pat Moran's contracts; the administration of the health department is satisfied with a garbage collection that would shame any Podunk town in the country, and the administration head is spending all his time distributing patronage—his energies should be directed to intelligent study of the departments and the way they are being run.

Happily for the city, the time is approaching when the annual tax levy must be fixed, and even an "American" gang will be unable to confront the financial situation that awaits it without pausing in its wholesale grab and give.

THE SMOOT PETITIONS.

Senator Perkins of California and Senator Patterson of Colorado have both expressed their determination to vote on the Smoot case according to their conviction based on the evidence and the law in spite of the petitions poured in on them by the women of their states.

That, of course, is the rational position any senator could take who has due regard for his oath of office and his own conscience. As The Herald's Washington correspondent has pointed out in his impartial reports of the situation, the Smoot case involves a constitutional question of importance, the right of the senate to unseat a member when no charge of personal unfitness or irregular election is involved; and the senate is slow to establish a precedent which would enable a strong partisan majority at some future date to bar a senator solely on charges as to his belief and unsupported by any accusation as to character or personal wrongdoing.

Here in Utah the feeling for and against Smoot is so strong that it is impossible to find any large body of men or women who are not prejudiced on one side or the other; but in the senate there is a large proportion of members who will consider the subject from a legal standpoint only and vote accordingly regardless of political bias or outside pressure in the form of petitions.

The result cannot be predicted in advance of the vote, but it is apparent that the decisive question will be as to the right of the senate to declare a seat vacant by a majority instead of expelling by a two-thirds vote. So far, the administration has shown a disposition to countenance Senator Smoot by presidential appointment of the senator's friends to federal office, so that it is reasonably certain President Roosevelt's influence will not be against the apostle and may be used in his behalf quietly. If this surmise is accurate, the opponents of the Utah man are going to have trouble mustering strength enough to have a majority rule adopted. Republicans elected him, a republican administration has given him appointments confirmation, and it is likely the republicans of the senate value his vote and his colleague's quite as much as they do the influence of the people who seek to oust him.

Altogether, whether as a matter of constitutional law or a question of politics as it is being played by Roosevelt, Mr. Smoot's position is decidedly stronger than it was before the administration showed its sympathy for him and Senators Patterson and Perkins declared themselves.

THOMPSON'S GOOD WORK.

The courage of Frank Thompson in grappling with and encompassing the capture of a thug who attempted to rob him at the point of a pistol is entirely commendable. The robber, as is usual with his kind, had the advantage in the fact that his pistol was out and leveled point blank at Thompson. When the latter was ordered to hold up his hands and submit quietly to being robbed, he did nothing of the sort. Instead, he sprang at the highwayman and seized the weapon. During the struggle the revolver was discharged twice and finally, seeing that he was about to be overcome, the thug broke away and ran, leaving the pistol in the hands of his plucky victim—who turned out not to be a victim at all, but a tartar. Before the fellow had run more than a few feet from the saloon in which the affair had occurred, he was caught and taken to the city jail.

Occurrences of this character are calculated to disorganize the holdup industry considerably. Very few men are willing to take the chance taken by Thompson. The simple pressure of a finger, had the robber been a shadow of a second quicker, might have sent Thompson into eternity. Thompson must have realized this, but he acted, nevertheless, and he won, as he deserved to win. The congratulations and the thanks of the community are due to him. He has undoubtedly saved somebody else from being held up and robbed, perhaps murdered.

As there is no shadow of doubt as to the guilt of the man arrested, so there should be no delay in sending him to the penitentiary, where he belongs, for a long term of years.

If this city isn't "reformed" into bankruptcy before the "American" administration's term is over it will be because somebody interposes to stop the profligate dissipation of funds that is now under way. Nothing like this has ever been seen in Salt Lake City.

We wonder if the house of representatives has been successful in suppressing gambling in Washington. If so, are all the stories we read about congressional poker parties untrue?

If the Commercial club wants that boulevard built and paid for by the city, it ought to get Moran to take it up at once. It might be expensive, but it would go through in a hurry.

Query: If Moran gets an \$81,000 raise on his contract before the conduit is finished, what will he do to the city when it is done and he really gets ready to ask for "extras"?

Even Senator Burrows is getting tired of the Smoot case. Now, isn't it about time for everybody else, except those who are being paid, to confess a feeling of lassitude?

With several hundred thousand dollars still in the bond fund the "patriots" probably think themselves very modest to give Pat Moran a paltry \$81,000.



Mrs. O. E. Cary and Miss Carolyn Limes entertained yesterday afternoon at a bridge tea, about sixty of her friends being present. Ten tables were filled with the players and after the game prizes were awarded to Mrs. A. C. Ewing and Miss Gertrude McGrath. The hostesses were assisted by Mrs. W. B. Sprague, Mrs. D. J. Sharp, Mrs. J. M. Bidwell and Mrs. G. B. Pfoutz, while Mrs. Well and Mrs. Leonard M. Bailey poured. Daffodils and narcissus were used in the house decoration.

Mrs. William Reid entertained yesterday at a small bridge affair at which some sixteen of her friends were present. Score cards on which cherries were painted were used for the guests and prizes in the game were awarded to Mrs. Charlotte Newman and Mrs. J. R. Folsom.

Mrs. Benjamin C. Lockwood will entertain at bridge this afternoon.

Mrs. Edwin Kimball gives a luncheon today for her sister, Miss Rose Hartwell.

Mrs. Justus Jungk gives a bridge tea this afternoon.

Miss Minnie Sadler entertains the Auld Lang Syne club at the Sadler home this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cain Crismon entertain at cards this evening for Miss Blanche Waterman.

Mrs. George H. Emerson left Fort Douglas last evening for Riverside, where she will be the guest of Mrs. John H. Woodward at the Judge home there.

Mrs. Elmer B. Jones will give a buffet luncheon followed by bridge Friday afternoon.

Miss Bess Hall will entertain the girls of the Sewing club at her home this afternoon.

Miss Gertrude McGrath entertained a few friends very informally at bridge last evening in compliment to Miss Marie Dermitt.

Mrs. Ralph L. Pritchard has returned from a visit to her home in the east.

Mrs. and Mrs. W. B. Searle of Provo spent yesterday in the city.

Mrs. Kent Smith and Mrs. W. H. Dunn of Bingham spent yesterday in the city.

Miss Eleanor Crawford entertained informally at cards yesterday for Mrs. W. G. Sharp and Mrs. Thomas Davis.

The Shakespeare section of the Ladies' Literary club will meet today at the club house to begin the study of "Anthony and Cleopatra."

Miss Blanche Kimball entertained a few of the younger matrons yesterday at a luncheon followed by bridge. Mrs. Ashby D. Cleveland carrying away the prize.

Miss Edith Shearman entertained a few friends informally at tea Sunday for Mrs. Theron Fields of Denver.

Mrs. Thomas Gould Griffin gives a bridge tea on Saturday of this week.

Mrs. Ashby D. Cleveland has issued invitations for a tea to be given Saturday afternoon at her home.

Miss Edith Shearman entertains at a luncheon for Mrs. W. G. Sharp and Mrs. T. B. Davis on Saturday.

A quiet wedding of yesterday was that of Miss Libbie H. Rich of Montpelier, Ida., and Charles D. Anderson of Cokeville, which took place at the home of the bride's uncle, Bishop O. P. Hunter. Dr. J. R. Anderson was the best man and Miss Laura Hunter the bridesmaid, and the ceremony was performed by Bishop Hunter. The young people left in the afternoon for a short stay in Los Angeles, and later they will make their home in Cokeville. Those present at the wedding and at the supper which followed were Mrs. A. P. Anderson, Mrs. Etta Bates, the Misses Maid and Katherine Brennan, Miss Irene Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Pratt and G. C. Thompson.

The Knights of Columbus have issued invitations for a dance and card party to be given in their quarters next Monday evening.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

1859—George W. Webster, Taylorsville. Elsie M. Moran, Taylorsville.
1860—David H. Jordan, La Grande, Ore. Mary H. Paddock, La Grande, Ore.
1861—Martin G. Hansen, Garland. Alice M. King, Layton.
1862—Otto Jensen, Sandy.
1863—Sarah A. Hardcastle, Sandy.
1864—Philip O. Boyer, Springville. Carrie V. Reynolds, Springville.

All the former pupils of the late Professor Louselle are to meet to meet on Thursday evening, Feb. 22, at the hall, First South, east of State street. By order of the committee.

LINCOLN AND BOONE.

(San Francisco Call.)

"You sometimes cannot always tell," remarked H. M. McCarty of the Western Pacific engineering department. "The people from whom you are prepared to expect the most are frequently deficient and disappointing. I met a lady from Kentucky some time ago. She was a school teacher. We chatted on various topics, and, among other things, she asked me:

"Whom do you consider the greatest man Kentucky ever produced?" "There can't be any dispute about that," I replied. "Abraham Lincoln."

"Ar'n't you mistaken?" she said. "Lincoln, you know, came from Illinois."

"Well, I said in an excess of gallantry 'if that is your understanding, we will let it go at that.'"

"What state do you come from, Mr. McCartney?" she asked. "Pennsylvania," I replied.

"And whom do you consider the greatest man that ever came from Pennsylvania?" she continued. "Daniel Boone," I told her.

"Daniel Boone? And who was he?" "Well, I informed her, 'among other things, he discovered and settled up the State of Kentucky.'"

"And she was a school teacher. And from Kentucky."

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